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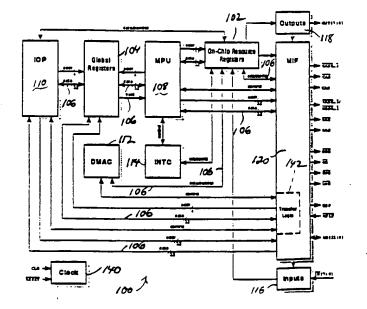
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MPU (108) contains 52 general-purpose registers, including 16 global data registers (104), an index register (132), a count register (134), a 16-deep addressable register/return stack (124), and an 18-deep operand stack (122). Both stacks contain an index register (128, or 130) in the top elements, are cached on chip, and, when required, automatically spill to and refill from external memory. The stacks minimize the data movement and also minimize memory access during procedure calls, parameter passing, and variable assignments. Additionally, the MPU contains a mode/status register (136) and 41 locally addressed registers (102) for I/O, control, configuration, and status. The CPU (100) contains both a highperformance, zero-operand, dual-stack architecture microprocessing unit (MPU) (108), and an input-output processor (IOP) (110) that executes instructions to transfer data, count events, measure time, and perform other timingdependent functions.



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